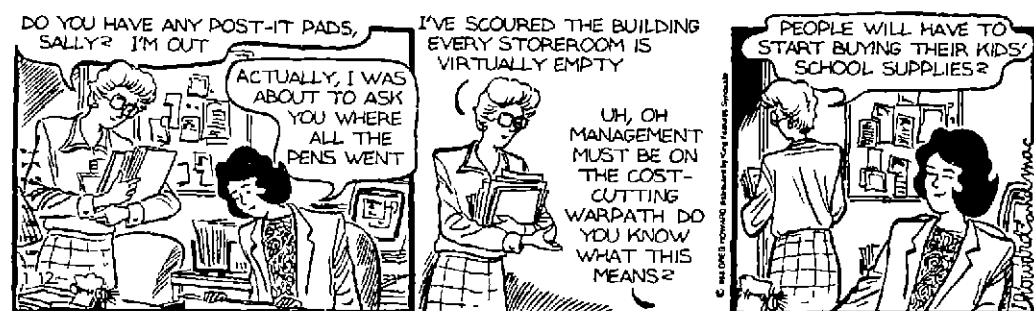


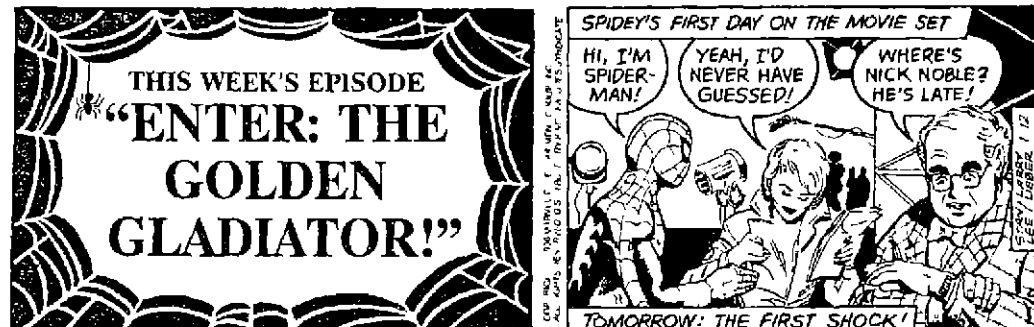
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## SALLY FORTH



## THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



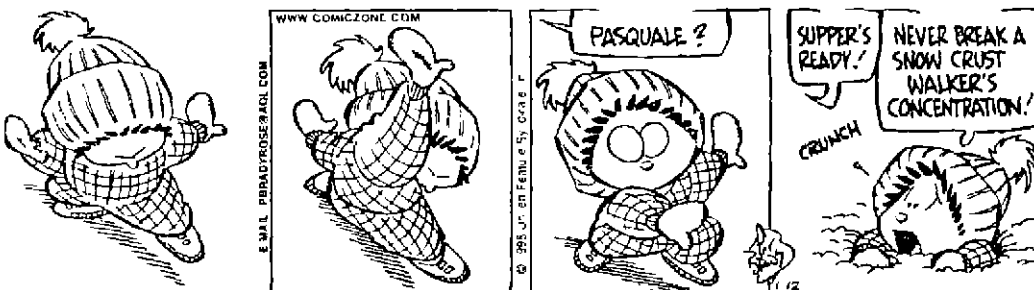
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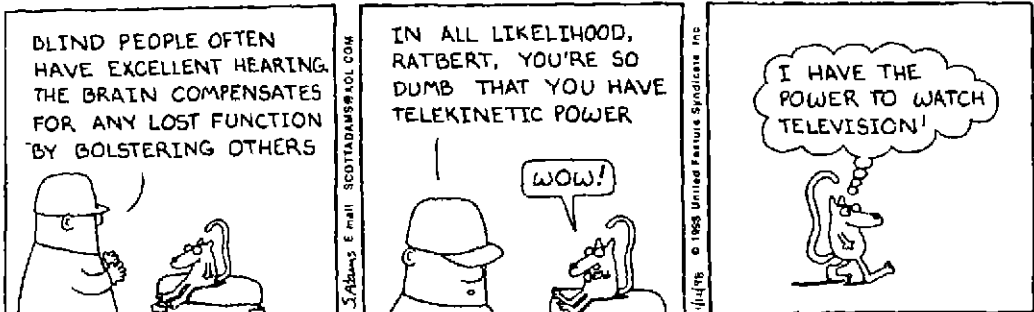
## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



## DILBERT



## DENNIS THE MENACE



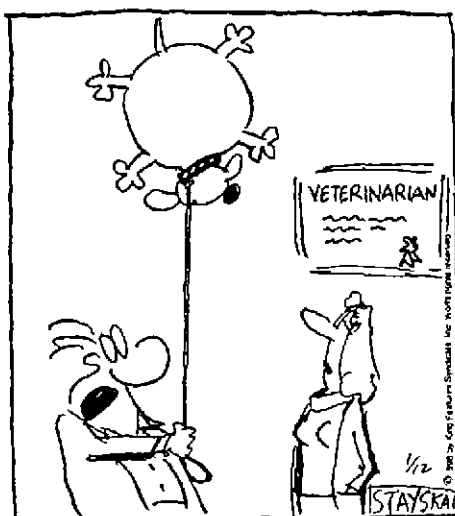
## FAMILY CIRCUS



## RHYMES WITH ORANGE



## RALPH



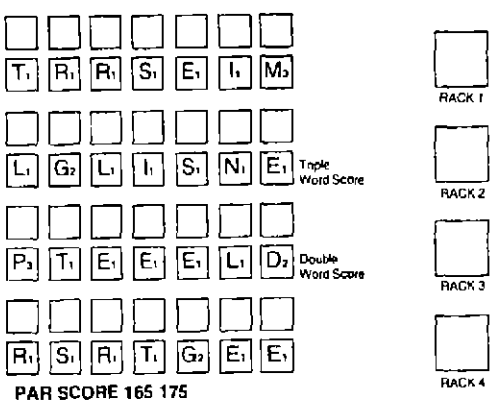
## Today's Birthdays

Former South African President **P.W. Botha** is 82. The "Amazing Kreskin" is 63. Country singer **William Lee Golden** (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 59. Former heavy-weight boxing champion **Joe Frazier** is 54. Political commentator **Rush Limbaugh** is 47. Country singer **Ricky Van Shelton** is 46. Radio personality **Howard Stern** is 44. Actress **Kirstie Alley** is 43. Rapper **TBird** (B-Rock and the Bizz) is 31.

## I NEED HELP



## SCRABBLE



**DIRECTIONS:** Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50 point bonus. "Banks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

For solution, see Classified.

## WORD SLEUTH

## Big birds

U Z W T K Q V N K H D A X U R  
P M J G D U A X V S Q N O K I  
F D A A L B A T R O S S Y X V  
T O O T M J H T G F T D E C A  
K Y U W U R P N A R H R K N N  
L R J H F D I A I E E I R I B  
E S O O G M Z C X A R B U V T  
R N D T A Q H I G U O G T O M  
K O A L S I H L F M N I D B Z  
D Y F R W V E E T E R B Q O N  
L K I H C F D P P C A Z X W V

Friday's unlisted clue: Illinois.

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unlisted clue hint: BALD.

Albatross, Emu, Heron, Stork, Turkey, Vulture, Big Bird, Crane, Goose, Great auk, Penguin, Dodo.

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For solution, see Classified.

## HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) The day's happy news pertains to your financial interests. A partner could receive a raise or tax rebate.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You just might stumble on a good book that will mean a lot to you. Catching up with an unfinished task will be a priority.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) News you've been waiting for about a business concern arrives. You will be very pleased.  
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Reaching an agreement with another about a financial concern could be difficult. Don't let a "What me worry?" attitude toward money take hold while socializing.  
**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) A private discussion bodes well for your financial interests. A family member might not see things your way.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your powers of persuasion are tops. Others are impressed by what you have to say.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A chance to make extra money arises. You are charismatic, and others are drawn to you.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You will be pleased with the day's family developments. It is a good time for advertising property for sale.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) An overdue bill could demand immediate attention. You'll derive great joy from hobbies and activities with children.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Those seeking someone to help you part time around the house will find a person to your liking. Good news relates to your business interests.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You will be the recipient of good news early in the day. Your communicative skills are highlighted.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) This is an excellent time for reaching agreements with others. Some minor problems could crop up in business.

## ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

I had no escape against that lead, explained an unhappy South. Whether I cover West's spade 10 doesn't matter. Either way I lose two spades, a trump and a club. What play to save his game did South overlook? South covered with dummy's spade queen at trick one and took East's king with his ace. Then he led a sneaky club 10 trying to reach dummy for discards on dummy's high diamonds. However, West wasn't buying. He hopped up with his club ace to lead another spade. East took two spades and led a fourth spade to exact maximum punishment. South ruffed with his jack, but West alertly discarded instead of overruffing. Later West got two trump tricks, and the game went two down. How can South make his game? It was correct for South to cover with dummy's spade queen at trick one. However, when East also covers, South should refuse to win his ace. This leaves East with no effective response. If East returns a spade, South wins dummy's nine and, as a precautionary measure against an unlikely ruff by East, discards his spade ace on dummy's diamond ace. South then loses a trump finesse, but with no entry back to East's hand, the defenders cannot develop any more trump winners, and South loses only three tricks.

**NORTH** (12 A)  
♠ Q 5 4  
♥ J 3  
♦ A K 10 8  
♣ J 9 3

**WEST**  
♠ 10 6  
♥ K 10 6  
♦ Q 9 7 4 3  
♣ A 8 2

**EAST**  
♠ K J 8 7  
♥ 9 2  
♦ J 6 5 2  
♣ 7 6 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 3 2  
♥ A Q J 8 7 5  
♦ K Q 10 5  
♣

Vulnerable: Both  
Dealer: South

The bidding  
South: 1♥ West: 1♠ North: 1♠ East: Pass  
South: 1♥ West: Pass North: 4♥ East: All pass

Opening lead: Spade 10

## N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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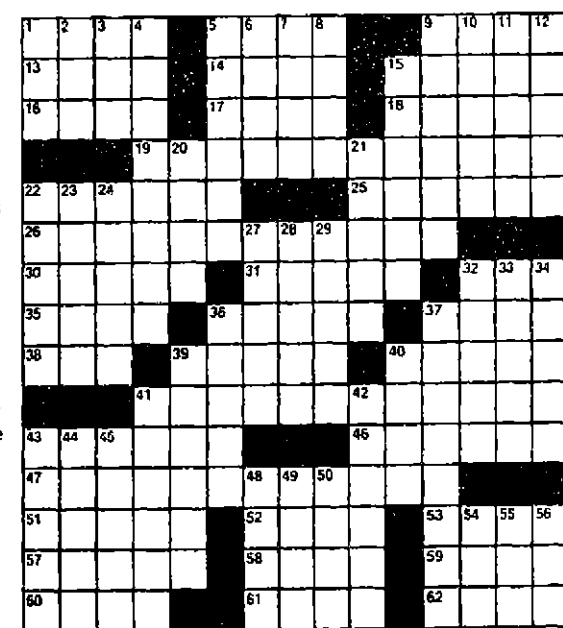
**ACROSS**  
1 Fill in at the office  
5 Manias  
9 Dressed  
13 L.A. based petroleum giant  
14 Dies — (hymn)  
15 Sally  
16 Corner square in Monopoly  
17 Lounge  
18 Suddenly leap (at)  
19 Second of two pieces of fire truck equipment  
22 Take for granted  
25 Paragons  
26 More drenched minister at times  
30 One who's out of this world?  
31 Pays attention to  
32 Pie holder  
35 Ranges of knowledge  
36 Smutty  
37 Ending with Cine or cyclo-  
38 Superlative suffix  
39 Count — & His Orchestra  
40 Motive questioner  
41 Resentful auctioneer  
43 — Lorraine (French region)  
45 "Relax soldiers!"  
47 Murmur, a good bad-weather race horse  
51 Thrown for —  
52 Footnote abbr.  
53 Morsel for Miss Muffet  
57 Former Sen. Sam and family  
58 Highway hauler  
59 Manipulator  
60 Enzyme suffixes  
61 Mahogany or maple  
62 Prepare, as the way

## DOWN

1 — Mahal  
2 Period in history  
3 AT&T alternative  
4 Harms the environment  
5 Aquarium purifier  
6 I smell —  
7 Stun  
8 Clairvoyant  
9 Less refined  
10 Actress Hamilton or Hunt  
11 Heavenly host?  
12 Salon professionals  
13 In line skates, for short  
19 Prayer closer  
21 Nixon staffer G. Gordon —  
22 Conscious  
23 Tennis star with a palindromic name  
24 Limited work assignment  
27 Bridge precursor

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

OPERAHOUSE ILEX  
ROMANACLEF NAVE  
BLACKWATER TMEN  
ILIKE SERE HERA  
TAL HER MME  
LAVIT AWAKE  
SISAL OUTLINED  
TAKENFORGANTED  
KEEPCALM ADDIN  
OSSIE DORMY  
ADE TOP NRC  
HOWL GRID NGAIO  
ALIT GIVESARIDE  
DICK EVENSTEVEN  
JOKE DESTROYERS



Puzzle by Mark Danna

28 Strange  
29 Discourage from acting  
32 Bear that's not really a bear  
33 Galic girlfriends  
34 Mother-of-pearl  
36 Library gizmo  
37 International golf competition  
38 Bodybuilder's bulges  
40 Commend officially  
41 Majorettes twirl them  
42 Villain slangily  
43 Major oven maker  
44 Doozies  
45 Rock  
46 Morning haze  
49 Over in Osterreich  
50 Bygone phone call cost  
54 Olympics chant  
55 Gun as an engine  
56 Rap's Dr —

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